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It is requested that the enclosed references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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